



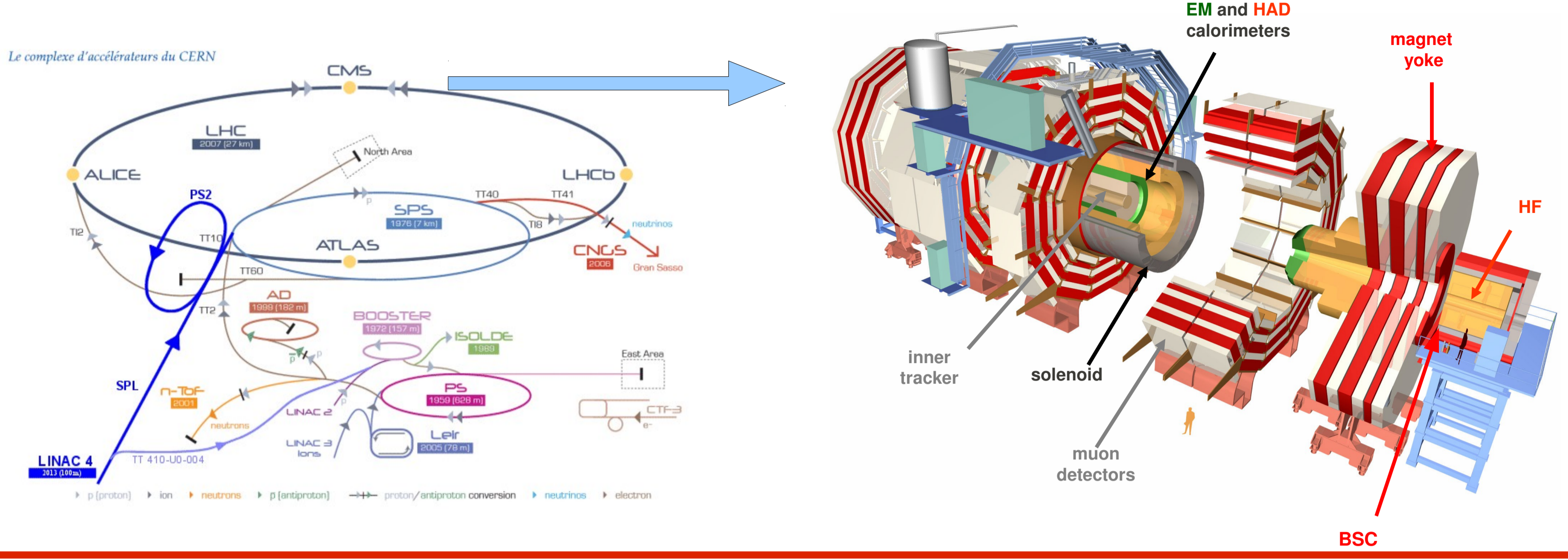
Charged particle multiplicities in pp interactions at $\sqrt{s} = 0.9, 2.36$ and 7 TeV



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The CMS experiment at LHC



Triggering, event selection and data collected

TRIGGER

To select collisions

Any hit in the beam scintillator counters (BSC)
AND
A filled bunch passing the beam pickups (BPTX)

+

OFFLINE EVENT SELECTION

To select good events

At least 3 GeV in both sides of the HF
+
Rejection of the beam halo using the BSC
+
Dedicated beam background rejection

+

At least one reconstructed vertex near the IP

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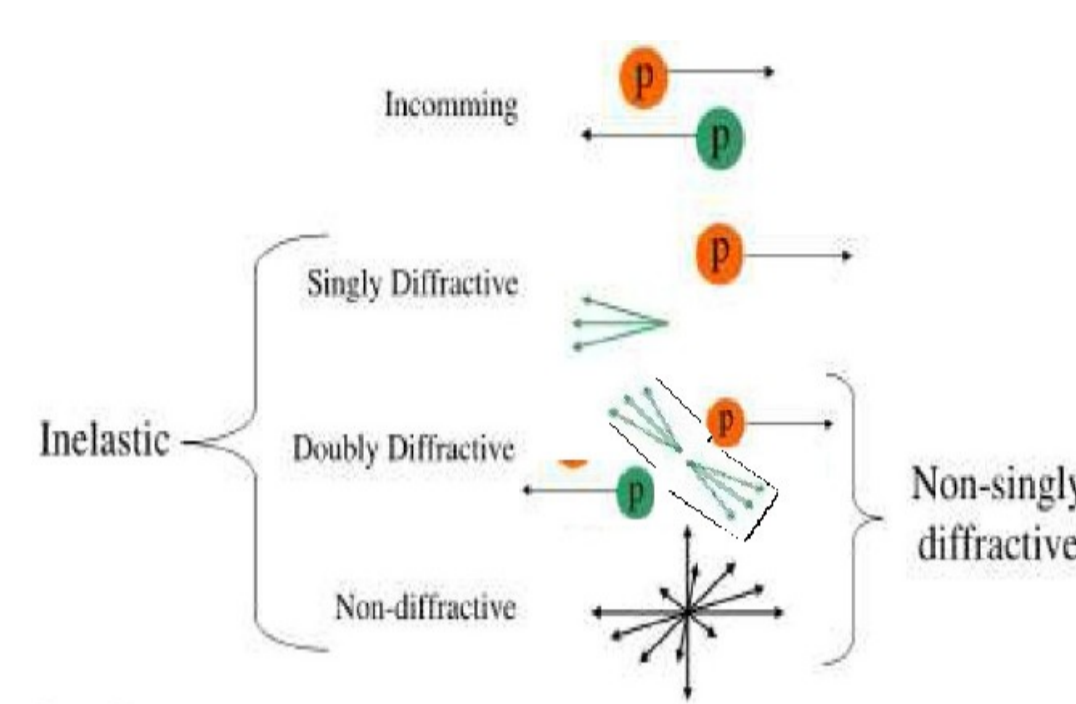
Data Selected

At 900 GeV : ~ 130K events
At 2.36 TeV : ~ 12K events
At 7.0 TeV : ~ 440K events

Corrections : from tracks to charged hadrons

SD Subtraction

CMS measures essentially non-single-diffractive (NSD) events. Need to subtract the SD events remaining after evt. selection



Unfolding

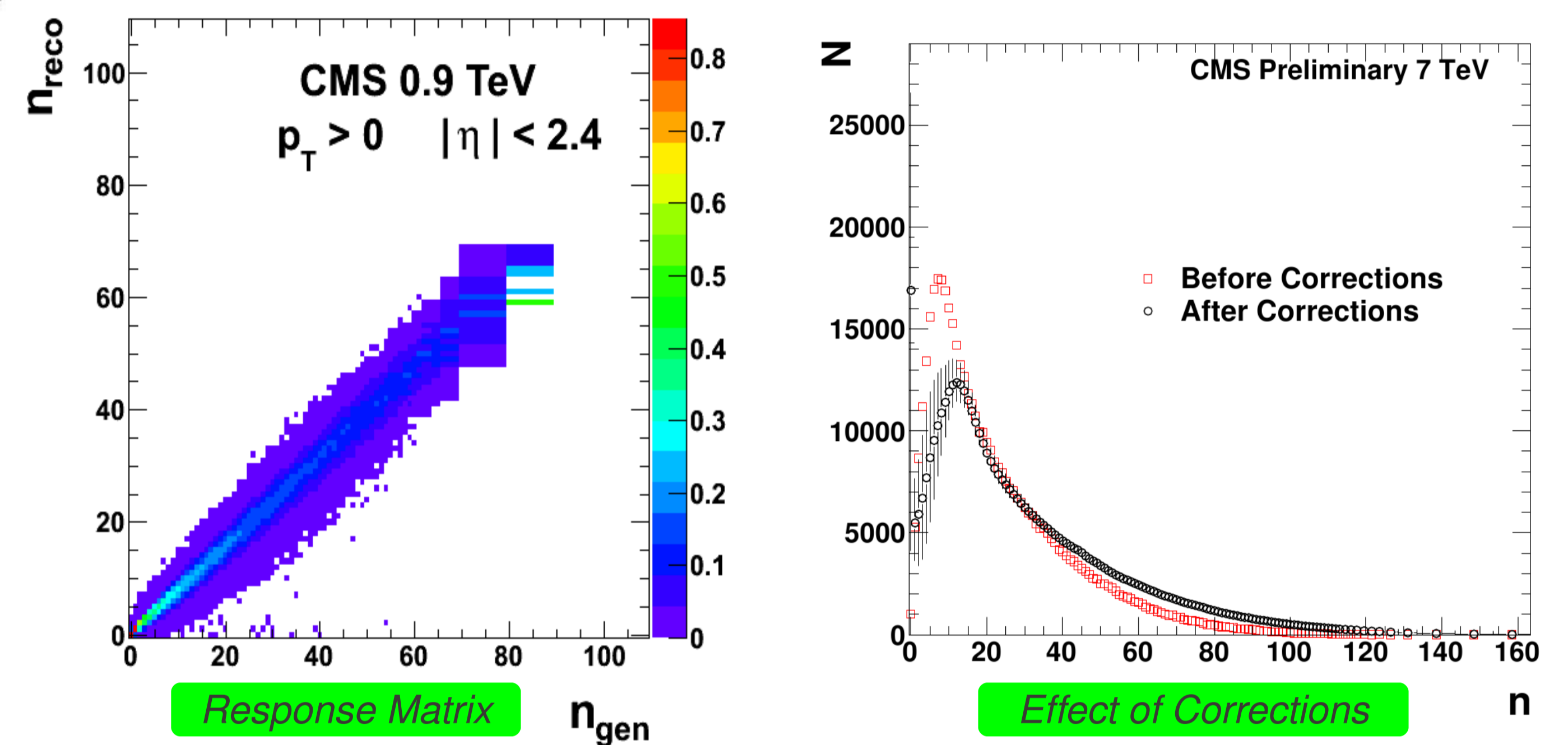
Bayesian method by D'Agostini [1]. Corrects for detector features (lost tracks, fake tracks), using a response matrix taken from simulation of the detector

Event Selection Correction

Efficiency takes into account the multiplicity dependence of our event selection

<pt> Extrapolation Correction

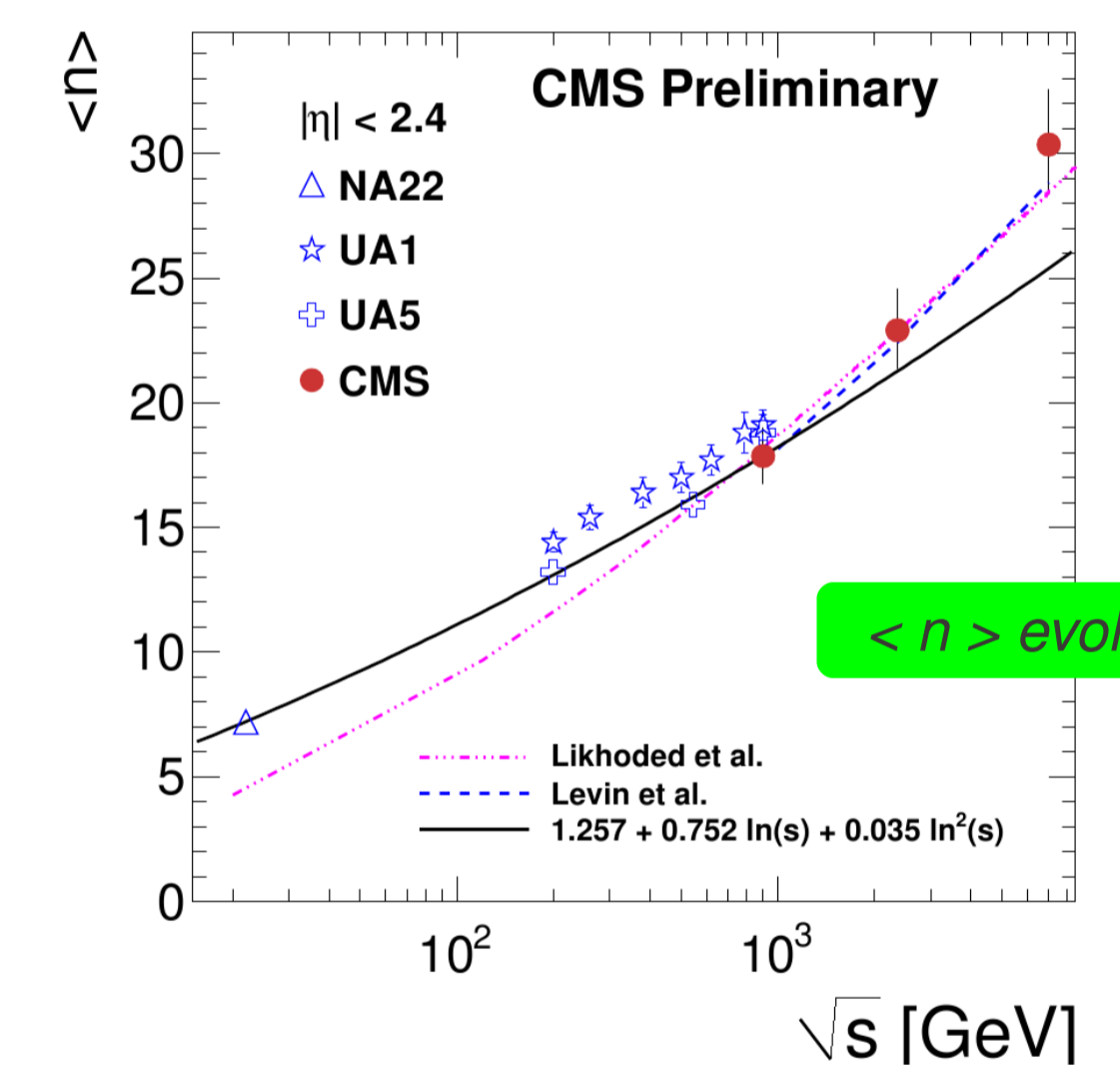
Monte-Carlo simulation underestimates the number of hadrons under 100 MeV (lowest pt we can reach in the tracker). The number of tracks/event has thus to be increased to fully correct.



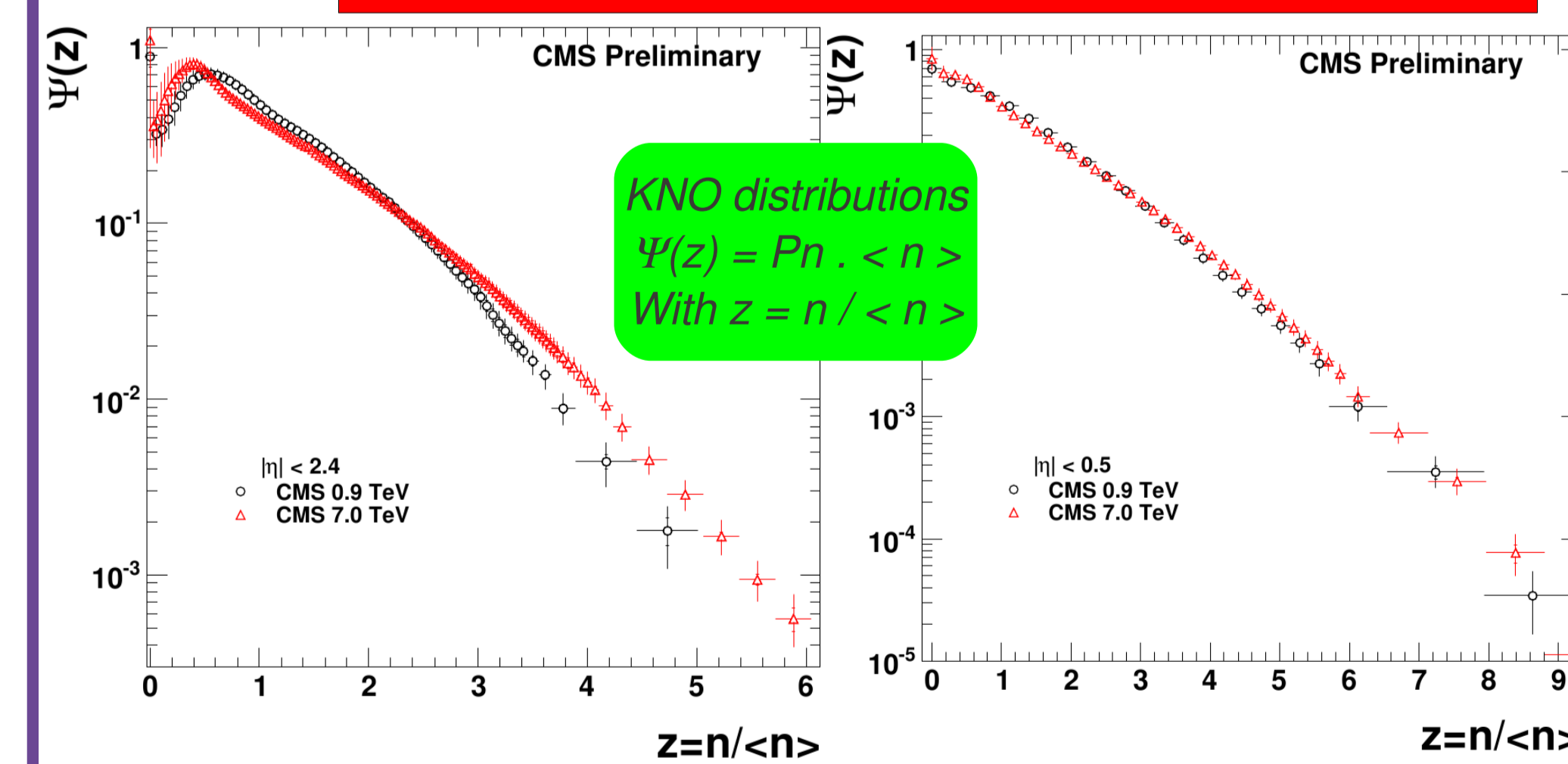
Needed to see behaviour at new energy

Needed to tune MC simulations

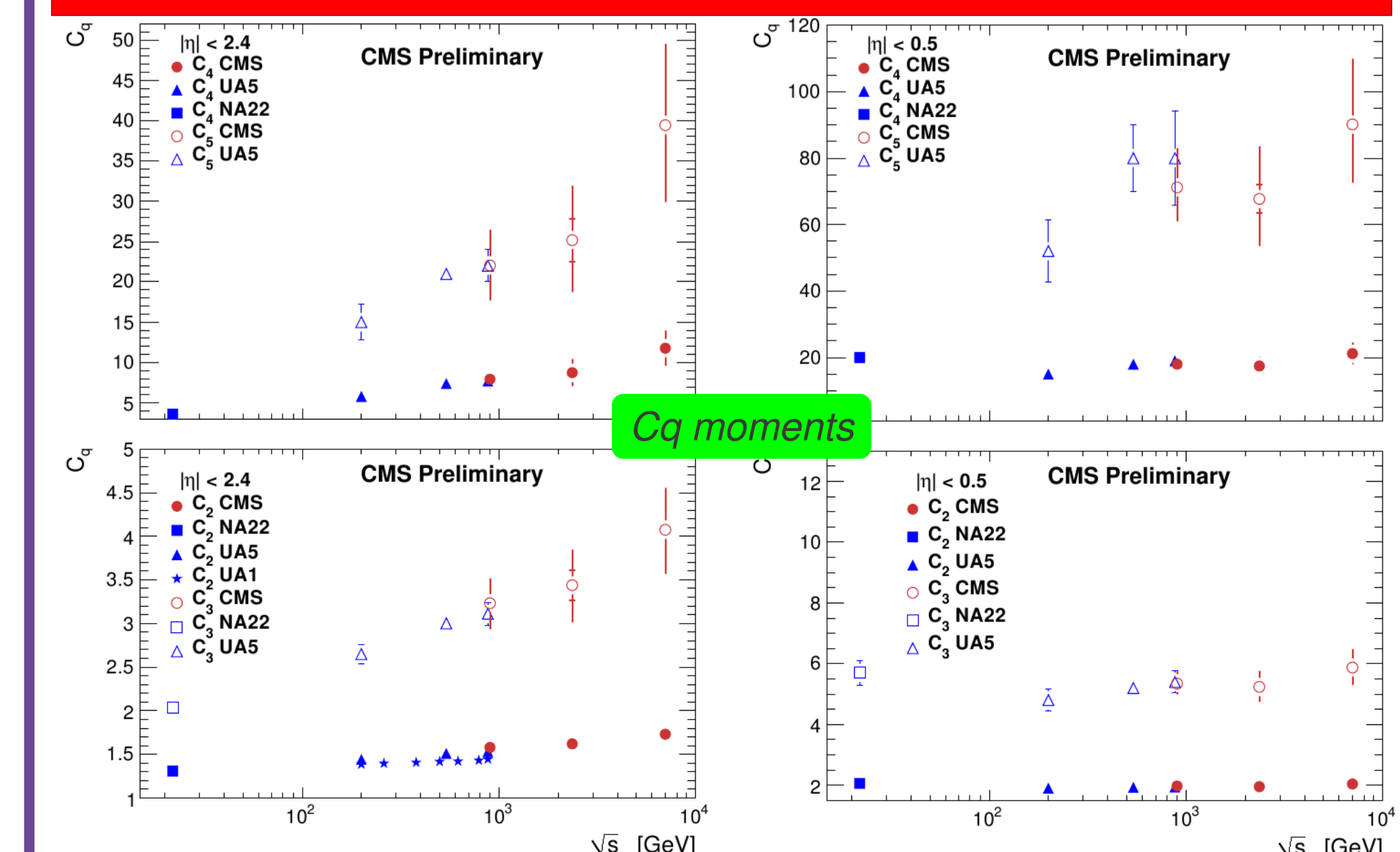
evolution with energy



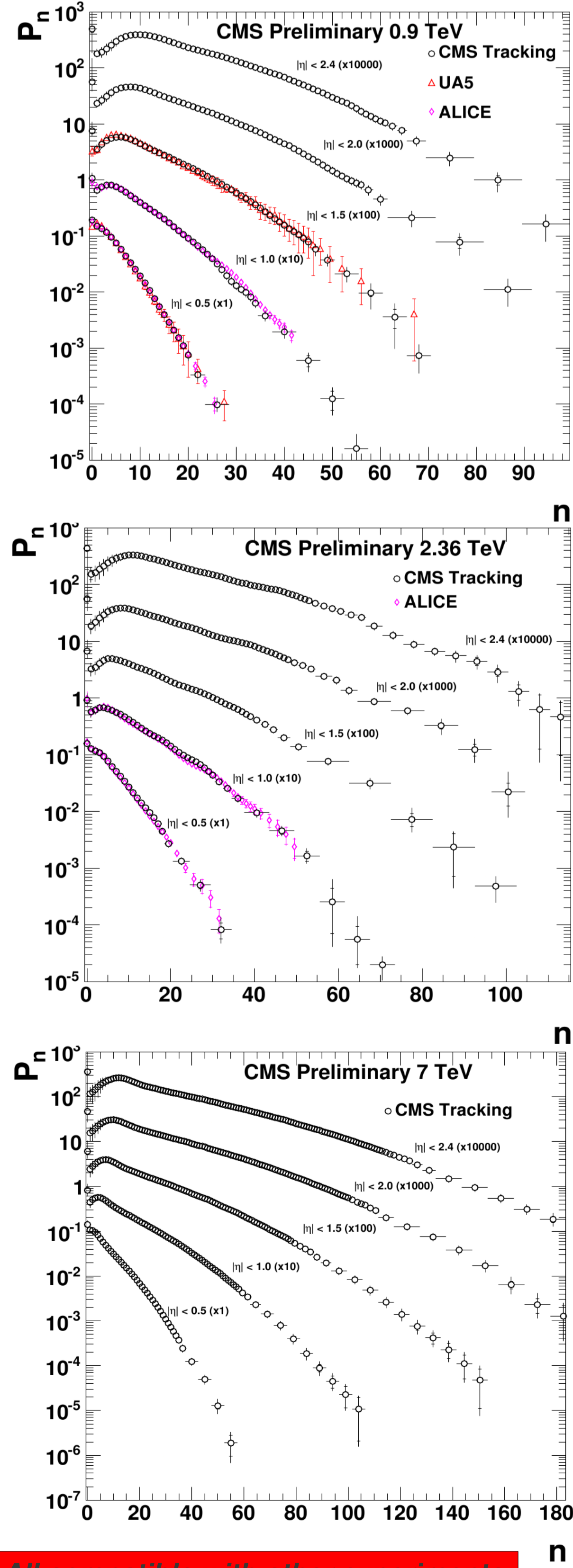
Increase is higher than expected from simulation, but Regge-inspired (Likhoded [2]) or gluon saturation (Levin [3]) models describe well the data



The multiplicity in KNO form shows a scaling violation between 900 GeV and 7 TeV, which is also visible in the rise of the Cq moments with energy. This scaling violation decreases with smaller η ranges, and scaling holds for $|\eta| < 0.5$

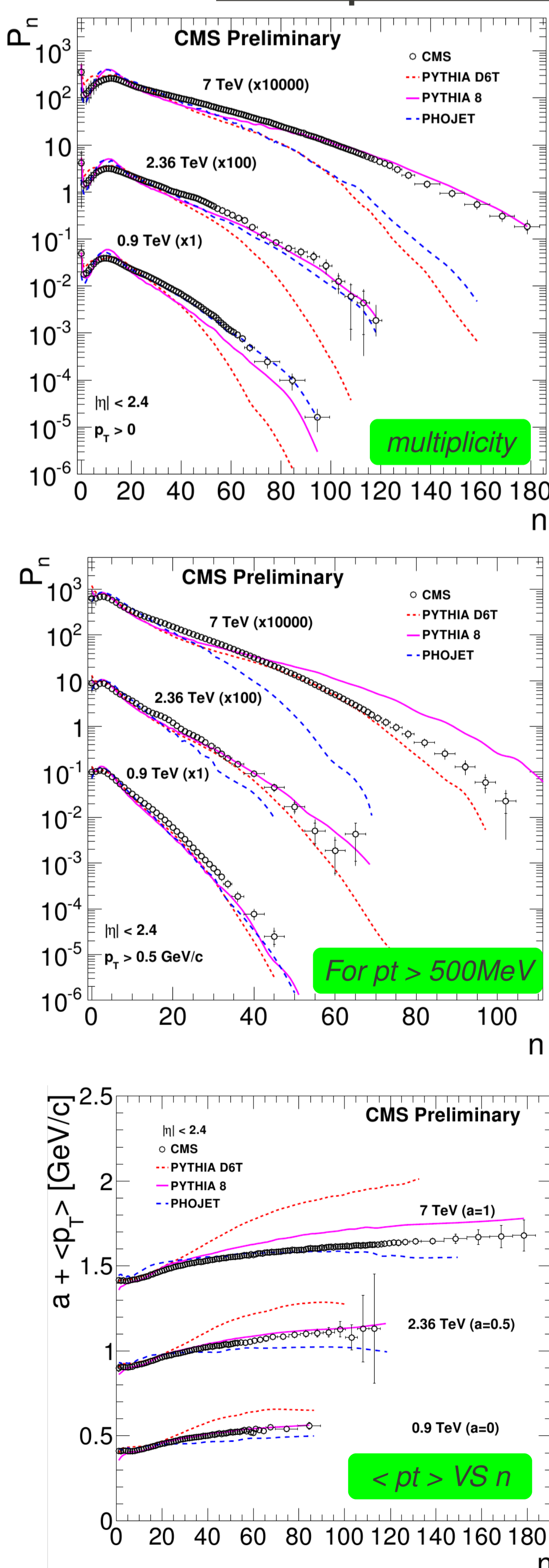


Multiplicity distributions



All compatible with other experiments

Comparison with models



All 3 Monte-Carlo models (PYTHIA D6T, PYTHIA 8, PHOJET) have a different physical description of the soft particle production mechanism

PYTHIA D6T produces too few high-multiplicity events but too many high-pt particles, which compensate with $pt > 500$ MeV

PYTHIA 8 describes the multiplicity tail at the 3 energies, but produces too many high-pt particles at 7 TeV, thus overestimates the multiplicity tail with $pt > 500$ MeV

PHOJET produces as well too few high multiplicity events at 7 TeV, and underestimates the $\langle p_T \rangle$ which hardly increase with the multiplicity

[1] : G. D'Agostini, "A Multidimensional unfolding method based on Bayes' theorem", Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A362 (1995) 487-498. doi:10.1016/0168-9002(95)00274-X
[2] : E. Levin and A. H. Rezaeian, "Gluon saturation and inclusive hadron production at LHC", arXiv:1005.0631.
[3] : A. K. Likhoded, A. V. Luchinsky, and A. A. Novoselov, "Light hadron production in semi-inclusive pp-scattering at LHC", arXiv:1005.1827.